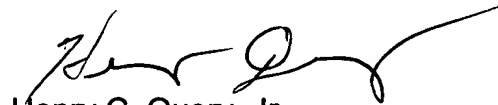


stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over, Talafuse (U.S. Patent No. 4,418,947). This claim has been canceled, without prejudice. Therefore, these rejections are now moot in the instant application.

The applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 12-19 and 21-26.

For the foregoing reasons, claims 1, 3, 4, 12-19 and 21-26 are submitted as allowable. Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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